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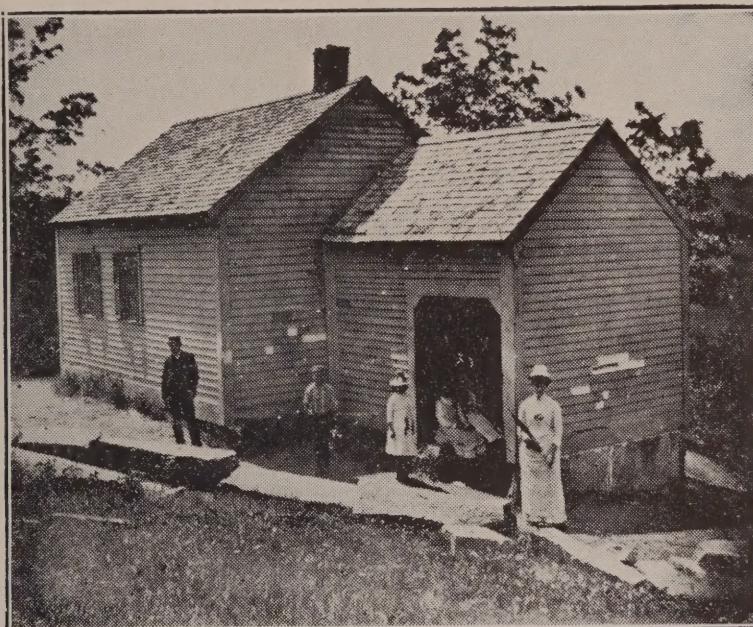
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## No. 2 West Middle School District, Tyngsborough



Left to right: George W. Merrill, Charles E. Glidden, Lizzie Smith, Emma Carville, Serena Perham, Miss Georgia May Cummings, the teacher.

ON THE 27th of December 1748 the town of Dunstable voted "to Raise thirty Pounds old Tenor for the Support of a school". This is the first record of action respecting schools. In 1749 the town "voted to hire a school for eight months". One teacher only was hired and school was kept in four places in different parts of the town alternately. Soon after this the French and Indian Wars commenced, which was very burdensome to the Province, and exposed the frontiers to Indian attacks and no other record of any school is found until 1761 when the town raised a small sum "to hire schooling and houses for that end". After this time money was raised for this purpose almost every year, but it was not until the Revolution that the people were fully awakened to the importance of education. In 1772 Joseph Dix was "the school master" and he continued to teach in town for many years.

There was an article in the warrant for a town meeting in 1774 to build a school house but it was not carried. This is the first reference to such a building on the records. The prospect of war with the mother country probably prevented the town from incurring the expense. In April 1775 Deacon Joseph Fletcher, Josiah Blodgett, Temple Kendall, James Tyng, Esq., Capt. Joseph Butterfield, William Gordon, and Ebenezer Bancroft were chosen "to divide the town into districts for schooling". The town was divided into five school districts and the school houses were first erected. In 1777 each district received its proportion of the money from the town and hired its own teachers, which had been done by the town. Females now began occasionally to be employed. From this period until 1790 about \$100 was raised annually for the support of the schools or \$20 to each district. "From this facts," says Fox, "we may imagine the advantages of education enjoyed by our fathers at that period, and compare them with the privileges of children at the present day". He was speaking in 1846 when each district was running on exactly \$100 plus \$5.90 from the state.

In 1783 a committee consisting of Jonathan Fletcher, Jonathan Emerson, Nathaniel Holden and Temple Kendall reported the bounds of the five school districts as follows:—

1. All east of the Merrimack River.

2. All the First Parish on the westerly side of the Merrimack, excepting Lieut. Perham and Mr. John Bridge.

3. All the Second Parish on the great road from Mr. Ezra Thompson's to Hollis up to Salmon Brook living on and to the north of said road.

4. All to the west of Salmon Brook excepting Mr. Bridges.

5. All the remainder of the town.

This report was accepted and the districts were so established.

The names of but few of those early teachers are now known. In 1778 Welbe Butterfield was paid £4 16s; James French £3 4s and Abraham Kendall, Jr. £10 13s 9d for keeping school. In 1784 Mr. William Gordon was paid £5 14s for "keeping school and boarding himself" also to Mr. Samuel Whiting £19, Mr. Joseph Dix £3 4s and to Miss Susannah Bancroft £2.

In 1786 the teachers were John Blodgett, Joseph Butterfield and wife, Susannah Bancroft, a noted instructor of that period, Elizabeth Swallow, John Dix, Rachel Fletcher and Elizabeth Powers. One school was held at the house of Mr. Ebenezer French, Esq. the town paying him £1 14s for its use.

One hundred and fifty years ago soon after the close of the Revolution, a hitherto unused portion of Tyngsborough (then a part of old Dunstable), was opened for settlement by Judge John Tyng, who planned to capitalize on his vast inheritance by following the old English Lease System. He laid out his estate which extended from the Merrimack westward over the hills, to the Groton line, in lots of about fifty acres each, and offered them to tenants, for a period of fifty years, at terms which attracted many families. Among them were younger generations of the original settlers of Dunstable with a few from neighboring towns, as the Butterfields, Parkers, Spauldings, Davis's, Woodwards, Worcesters, Blodgetts, Cummings, Burrows, Fredericks, Jaques, Taylors,

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## Executive Committee

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Fletchers, Kendalls and Cheneys. From five to twenty children were raised in these families. As they were inhabitants of the Second School District according to original arrangement of the districts they must have received their share of the early school master's time—for a few weeks only each year in a room hired from a house holder. Though the original plan of the Tyng Lease Lots shows a reservation for a school house it is uncertain at just what time the building was actually raised, but undoubtedly as early as 1797. Our little school house must be almost one hundred and fifty years old and the pupils then must have come from the above mentioned families.

While Tyng's Woods was being populated by Judge John Tyng's tenants his cousin Madam Sarah (Tyng) Winslow was formulating a plan which was to have far reaching results. She wished to see a stronger church and better schools so in 1789 she offered the town a cash donation for the use of these two worthy institutions. Her terms were such, however, that the town was at once thrown into bitter debate which ended by Tyngsborough being set off from Dunstable, first as a District and then as a separate town which was incorporated in 1809.

After the adjustments were made relative to the acceptance of Madam Winslow's gift the school system was definitely established with the seven districts we know and continued with slowly improving methods until they were abolished in 1888. These districts were first known by names describing the location but these long titles soon fell into disuse as the numbers came into popular use. They were as follows:—

South Middle School District	.....No. 1
West Middle School District	.....No. 2
West School District	.....No. 3
North West School District	.....No. 4
North Middle School District	.....No. 5
North School District, East Side of River	.....No. 6
South School District, East Side of River	.....No. 7

Each of these schools provided a summer term of eight weeks or less taught by a woman and a winter term about the same length usually taught by a master especially in the earlier years. The Winslow Grammar School at the center provided advanced work for ambitious older pupils. The town elected a school committee and each district had

a prudential committee man of its own who, serving under the general committee, managed the school affairs of his home district. District meetings were held in school house. The money was raised by taxes levied on the inhabitants of the district only for a short time but later the town raised money for the Grammar School (in addition to the Winslow Fund) and another sum which was divided equally among the seven districts. From 1816 to 1822 this sum was \$42; from 1822 to 1828 \$57.14. which paid the teacher, the teacher's board, fuel for winter and small repairs. If the chimney had to be repaired at a cost of \$1.17 that amount was usually taken off the board bill, sometimes from the teacher's pay. Larger repairs required a district meeting legally called and special votes and tax assessments.

This is a typical entry in the town account book 1827 Account with School District No. 2.

Sept. 18—In 2 orders to Samuel Flint for 10 dollars each it being for a mistress teaching School and her board the present season and is in part of their proportion of money for 1827 he being Committeeman .....	\$20.00
Dec. 12—1 order to Samuel Flint for three cord wood for the use of the school the present winter and is a part of their proportion for 1827 he being Committeeman .....	8.85
1828	
Jan. 23—1 order to Samuel Flint for eight Dollars and sixty eight cents for boarding master .....	8.68
Feb. 4—1 order to Samuel Flint for nineteen dollars and sixty one cents for a master teaching school and is in full for 1827 .....	19.61

\$57.14

District School No. 2 was not built upon its present site but in the open field beyond the hill where it now stands. After some fifty years the people of the district desired to relocate this building and accordingly made this application:

## To the Selectmen of the Town of Tyngsborough—

The subscribers, Freeholders and resident in School District No. 2 within said Town, hereby make application to you, to issue your warrant directed to one of the subscribers, requiring him to warn the qualified voters of said school District to meet at such convenient time and place as you may appoint, to act on the articles following:

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First—To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Second—To choose a clerk for said District.

Third—To see if the District will remove and repair their school house, purchase land, on which to locate said school house, and do and act anything in relation to the same that they may deem proper.

Fourth—To vote such sums of money as may be thought sufficient for the foregoing purposes.

Fifth—To prescribe the manner of warning the future meetings of said District.

RUFUS M. BLODGET,  
WILLARD H. CUMMINGS,  
JOSEPH INGALLS,  
JOEL INGALLS.

Tyngsborough August 8, 1840

The selectmen drew up and attached to the application a warrant which was given to Rufus M. Blodget to serve in the thorough manner therein described.  
Middlesex S.S.

To Rufus M. Blodget one of the freeholder making the foregoing application.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of School District No. 2 in the town of Tyngsborough qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at their school house in said town on Saturday the nineteenth day of September inst at four o'clock P.M. then and there to act upon the articles mentioned in the annexed application and you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by notifying personally every inhabitant of said District qualified to vote in town affairs or by leaving at his place of abode a written notification expressing the time place and purpose of said meeting seven days at least before the time appointed for the same.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doing thereon to the said meeting at the above time and place. And the clerk who shall then be chosen and sworn is directed to make a further return of the same to us at our Office. Given under our hands and seals this ninth day of September A. D. 1840.

SIMON THOMPSON,  
LOWELL LAWRENCE,  
JOHN BLODGETT, Jr.  
Selectmen of Tyngsborough.

On Nov. 14, 1840 the assessors (who were also selectmen) issued a warrant to the Collector Samuel White to levy and collect \$112.00 voted by the Inhabitants of School District No. 2 and also \$4.86 it being an overlay on the aforesaid sum which is to be collected and paid over to Charles Butterfield, Esq., Town Treasurer on or before the 10th of December next. In the event of refusal or neglect to pay the sum assessed he is to seize goods or chattels of such a person and after four days give 48 hours notice of public sale of the same any overplus to be restored to the owner. For want of goods or chattels (besides tools necessary for his trade, beasts of the plough, arms, utensils for house keeping necessary for upholding life, bedding and apparel necessary for himself and family) the body of such a person is to be committed to the common gaol of the County, there to remain until he pay the same or such part as shall not be abated by the Assessors for the time being.

Thus just a hundred years ago, the little school house was put upon its present foundation to the immediate if not lasting satisfaction of the district. On March 31, 1864 Mr. Joel Ingalls now the prudential committee man made this statement which was printed in the School Report of that year. "The locality of the building is objectionable—certainly in this particular, that the ascent in winter is altogether too difficult, reminding one of the lines in Beatties Minstrel descriptive of the steep approach to the Temple of Fame".

"Oh! who can tell how hard it is to climb The steep".

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In the old days the shed (gone now) was filled with wood. The older boys took turn by the week at building the fire. A pail of water was brought from the red house by the brook, one dipper for all to use. Sometimes a boy was sent to cut a birch rod for immediate use by the teacher. When the teaching had been particularly successful the parents often "patched up" and had a few extra weeks schooling at their own expense.

Before the middle of the eighteenth century the influence of the great educator, Horace Mann was beginning to be felt here as shown by the establishment of small libraries which were passed from district to district. Financial aid by the state began in 1843. That year in State School Returns Tyngsborough was listed No. 37 among 308 towns and cities in the expenditure per year per pupil. The amount was \$3.25. The length of school year was 3½ months. Committees were urged to employ more efficient teachers and to repair unfit buildings.

Of the inhabitants of School District No. 2 the following facts have been gathered:

Rufus M. Blodget, son of Thaddeus, grandson of Josiah of Dunstable who was prominent in district and town affairs, lived on the Westford Road, less than a half mile from Westford line, on the place recently vacated by Ernest Ward and purchased by Walter Alcorn. He and his wife Hannah (Kidder) sent four daughters to No. 2. First: Hannah Letitia who married John Littlehale (son of Isaac and Harriet Butterfield) and lived on her father's homestead. They had John Dudley, 1847; Letitia Morgiaanna, 1849; Mary Lune'te 1851; Harriet Hortense, 1852; Rufus Casper, 1855; Ormond Roy, 1858; Minnie Hannah, 1860 and Lillian Blanche, 1862. These children with Nell Plaisted, who lived with the Littlehales, went to No. 2 school. The second daughter was Sabra Sirena who married Alfred Perham and lived the other side of the school house where Charles Lorman now lives. Their son Leon Blodgett Perham still lives in the district. Third Mandany Melissa married George Winn Merrill, son of Samuel and Mary (Ingalls) Merrill, and lived just over the Westford line, but their children, Lelia (now Mrs. Myron Queen, of No. Chelmsford), Florence and George Winn went to No. 2 school with their Littlehale and Perham cousins. The fourth Blodgett daughter, Elizabeth Laura married Frank C. Frost, and left the district.

Between the John Littlehale place and Westford line was the home of Amos and Nancy Wyman, who sent Almira, Walter Washington, Warren Waldo, Nancy and Sarah to the school.

Coming from Littlehale's toward the school house is the lane on the right, leading to the Ingalls homestead (burned some years ago and last occupied by Mrs. Riley). From this place came the children Joseph and Betsey (Thompson) Ingalls. Eliza, 1804; Sally, 1807; Lucretia, 1809; Joseph, 1811; Asa, 1812; John, 1813; Joel, 1814; and Lucy, 1817. Joel remained on the home place, married Laura Wright of Westford. Their children were Albert, Frances, Warren Augustus (Gus), George, Irving, Maryetta and Charles. Maryetta's children Effie and Frank were members of the last class before the school was discontinued.

At the corner, opposite Frank Wyman's stone house was the McCollough family (Hayward house not standing now) and after them the McNaughtons lived there. They had daughters Mary and Jean.

Beyond the corner going away from the school house is the lane leading to the house recently the home of Mr. Cox, where Ward and Sybel (Thurlo) Coburn lived a hundred years ago. Their children were Mary, 1833; Sybil, 1841 and Ward Augustus (Gus), 1847, and went to school from here accompanied by Cora Blodgett, a young cousin who lived with them. In the 1870's the Daniel Carville family lived on this place. Their children were: Mary, Daniel, Tom, Will and Frank.

Returning toward the school house is the home of Mr. Leon B. Perham which his father, Alfred bought from George Homer, who had it from a Fillebrown. Alfred had married his second wife Eliza Jane Chandler, since he lived in the red house the other side of the school, and from this home went Enlo A. and his sister Serena (Mrs. Rena Stevens).

Passing the school house we come to the home of Mr. Robert Lorman, who has recently given the building to the Historical Society. After Mr. Perham left this property Hilliard Witherell came into possession of it. Miss Mary Jane Upton boarded in this family and upon one occasion at least held a picnic for her children, under the trees by the brook. Little Ella and Anna Blodgett who were her neighbors in District No. 4 were there. Afterward William Cummings lived there and his daughter Flora went to school.

Near the junction of Oak Hill Road were the two Swan places. The older one built in 1797 by Benjamin Swan was later owned by Isaac Knight. Mr. Knight had a large family of children but only the youngest, Lizzie, was still in school when they moved into the district.

In Benjamin Swan's family were Sarah, Sybil, Polly, Benjamin, Moses, Joseph, Ebenezer and Lucy. Ebenezer married Mary Bancroft in 1801, and lived on the homestead with his father. Their children were Mary, Ebenezer, Jr., Delphia, Sarah Eliza, Benjamin, Lucy (Mrs. Christopher Littlefield, donor of the Library building), and Jane. Ebenezer, Jr. and his wife Mary (Leighton) lived where Miss Davis does now. Their children were Mary E. 1832; Frances C. 1834; Joseph, 1835; Henry E., 1837 and Martha K., 1844. Henry E. married Nancy P. Garland and lived in the same house with his father. Their children were Herbert S., 1865; Leon G., 1872; and Mabel L., 1874.

At Flint's Corner is a farm which was never sold until the present owner Mr. Homer Stevens bought it. Jonathan Tyng gave it to the Flints for caring for some aged dependants and in 1747 it was the only house in that part of the town. The eight children of Charles and Elizabeth Flint must have been waiting for the school house when it was first built. There were several children in the next generation one of whom, Margaret married Reuben Wright. There were two Wright children: Frances and Otis.

On Dunstable Road where Mr. Newman now lives were Katie Tyng, Alfretta and Abbie Newland (now Mrs. Isaac Hall).

"Across lots" from Forest Hill farm came the children of John and Sally (Cummings) Queen: Laura, Ida, Fannie Abby, Joseph Granville, Sumner, Myron and Elmer. After the Queens, the Babb family lived at Forest Hill, sending Georgia and John to school. Though he lived over the Dunstable line Elmer Gilson attended this school and to him we are indebted for our picture.

Other names which appear in records are Charles Glidden (from Joseph O'Hare place), Clarence L. Richardson, Lizzie Smith, Lucy and John Green. Undoubtedly there are many more names that belong in the list of pupils who once attended school in District No. 2.

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**REPORT OF THE TYNGSBOROUGH IMPROVEMENT  
ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING  
NOVEMBER 7, 1940**

The Annual Meeting of the Tyngsborough Village Improvement Association was held in the lower town hall on Thursday evening, November 7, 1940 at 7 P.M. when a large group of members and friends enjoyed a roast turkey supper and an entertaining program planned by the president, Mr. Arthur H. Wilbur. Following the invocation by Rev. James Duncan, vocal and instrumental music, furnished by the Lowell State Teachers College Girls Octet was enjoyed by all present. Mr. Chester H. Queen, first vice president, who presided owing to the absence of the president, appointed as nominating committee, Mr. Charles J. Allgrove, chairman, Mrs. James Woodward and Mrs. George Robeson, who later in the evening brought in the following list of officers, who were unanimously elected for the ensuing year; President, Leo Flanagan; First Vice President, Bertrand R. Currier; Second Vice President, Chester H. Queen; Clerk, Mrs. Frederick D. Lambert; Treasurer, Roscoe C. Turner; Auditor, Raymond W. Sherburne; Executive Committee for three years, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin P. Hammond.

The reports of the clerk, treasurer, auditor and executive committee were read and approved. The clerk stated that a letter had been received from Dr. Richard Dutton of Wakefield, recalling his pleasant recollections of old times in Tyngsborough and enclosing a donation from himself and Mrs. Dutton of five dollars for the association.

Mr. Leo Flanagan, chairman of the executive committee reported the renovation of scenery for the town hall and the holding of spring and fall cleanup days as usual. He expressed thanks to Lacourse Brothers for moving, at no expense, the piano, a gift of Mr. and Mrs. Flanagan for use in the lower town hall. He also expressed the gratitude of the committee to all who so willingly cooperated in making the annual fair and V.I.A. Annual a success.

Mr. Sumner Kenney, at the suggestion of the executive committee presented a change in Article 2 of the By-Laws which was approved by vote of the association. As accepted the Article now reads as follows:

"Article 2. The purposes of the organization shall be to beautify the town and to do any and all things that the executive committee or the membership may approve that are for the general improvement of the town."

It was voted unanimously that a separate page be set aside in the records in memory of each of the following; Mr. Henry C. Fall, Mr. Herbert C. Hodgman and Mr. Homer A. Noble. A beautiful bouquet of chrysanthemums on the head table gave silent tribute to their memory.

Mr. Queen called on Rev. Edward Cahill of the First Parish Church and Rev. James Duncan of the Evangelical Church for a few remarks.

The speaker of the evening was then introduced, Mr. Ralph Knight, Vice-President of the State Council of Sportsmen's Clubs, who gave an interesting talk on Wild Life Conservation, illustrated by moving pictures taken by himself.

The delicious dinner was in charge of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Dunlap, assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Goodchild, Mrs. Elizabeth Ackerman, Mr. Howard Fay and Mr. John E. Riley. The dining tables were attractively decorated with lighted candles and miniature logs containing juniper and bitter sweet, arranged by Mrs. Enlo A. Perham assisted by

Mr. Leo Flanagan, Mrs. Joseph Mitchell and Miss Anna Elliott. Mrs. Enlo A. Perham was in charge of the dining room assisted by Mrs. Norman R. Sherburne, Mrs. Adelbert Bell, Mrs. Charles Coburn, Mrs. Anna Shipley, Mrs. George Bell and the Misses Margaret Coburn, Natalie Farrow, Doris Ford, Daisy Gotham, Myrla Wilbur and Mr. Thomas Goodchild and Mr. Chester Queen.

The meeting then adjourned.

CATHERINE W. LAMBERT,

Clerk.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer's Report of the Village Improvement Association for the year ending November 1, 1940.

**RECEIPTS**

Cash balance October 31, 1939 .....	\$512.09
Membership Dues .....	30.00
Receipts from Supper, Annual Meeting	
Tickets .....	\$ 37.50
Sales of Food .....	8.25
	\$45.75
Receipts from Annual Fair Feb. 29 & March 1, 1940	
Supper, 1st night .....	\$14.60
Supper, 2nd night .....	72.40
Door, 1st night .....	20.65
Door, 2nd night .....	82.65
Dancing .....	13.00
	\$203.30
Fancy Table .....	\$28.20
Ice Cream Table .....	6.25
Candy Table .....	24.19
Children's Table .....	28.00
Farmer's Table .....	11.36
	\$98.00
	\$301.30
Sale of Advertising in 1940 V.I.A. Annual .....	110.00
Interest on Deposits .....	4.55
	\$1,003.69

**PAYMENTS**

Expenses of Supper at Annual Meeting Nov. 8, 1939

Turkey .....	\$23.28
Groceries .....	15.62
Advertising .....	3.45
Tickets .....	1.50
Catering .....	8.00
	\$51.85

Annual Fair Feb. 29 & Mar. 1, 1940

Supper, 2 nights .....	
Supplies .....	83.06
Catering .....	10.00
Washing Dishes .....	3.00
	96.06

Fair

Play Books .....	6.00
Orchestra .....	13.50
Decorations .....	12.25
Advertising .....	6.90
Tickets .....	3.50
Ice Cream Table .....	4.73
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Roasting Pans for Town Hall Kitchen .....	6.00
Repairs on Scenery for Town Hall Stage .....	10.00
Printing V. I. A. Annual Paper .....	100.00
Cut for Paper .....	11.25
Postage .....	1.80

Total Payments .....	\$358.30
Cash Balance .....	645.39

\$1,003.69

All known bills are paid and the fees for advertising in the 1940 V.I.A. Annual Paper have been collected 100%.

Total Assets are as follows:—

Cash on hand .....	\$ 27.20
Union Old Lowell National Bank, checking account .....	323.65
Union Old Lowell National Bank, savings account .....	167.83
Lowell Institution for Savings .....	126.71

\$645.39

Respectfully submitted,

ROSCOE C. TURNER,  
Treasurer.

#### AUDITOR'S STATEMENT

November 9, 1940

I have examined the foregoing account and find it correct and cash balance as stated.

RAYMOND W. SHERBURNE,  
Auditor.

#### VITAL STATISTICS—1940

##### BIRTHS

Jan. 1	Jean Mary Boucher.....	Edward J. and Madeline M. Carter
Jan. 3	Alfred Oliver Gosselin, Jr.....	Alfred Oliver and Evelyn Blanche Howe
Jan. 10	Marjorie Lillian Bell—Roland H. and Genevieve G. Dube	
Jan. 26	Chester Herbert Riley.....	John E. and Eleanor Sherburne
Feb. 8	Sandra Lee Coles....	Francis Sarsfield and Doris Eileen Gates
Mar. 5	Wayne Hersey Lorman .....	Charles A. and Hazel Kingston
Mar. 8	Phyllis Arlene Bell.....	George and Christina Clarke
Mar. 24	Clifford Elmer Jordon, Jr.....	Clifford E. and Rita M. Boucher
Mar. 30	Margaret Ann Dupras....	Emery and Cecile Tousignant
Mar. 23	Ann Shirley Barlow.....	George and Doris Logue
Mar. 31	—McInerney....	Edward and Mary L. Robidoux
Apr. 13	Beverly Jean Dupras.....	Carl P. and Esther Nodlie
Apr. 21	Charlotte Elizabeth Staveley.....	Ralph and Charlotte Cadigan
Apr. 22	Jacqueline Ducharme..	Leo G. and Geogjute J. Boisjoly
May 6	Donald James Stevens.....	Sidney and Florence Slater
May 6	Stillborn	
June 10	Wilfred Joseph Bergeron.....	Wilfred Joseph and Antoinette Mary Langlois
July 16	James Allen Cumming..	Arthur J. and Beatrice LeGay
July 20	Lorraine Chesse....	Wilfred M. and Ernestine Lacourse
July 29	Jeanne Irene Gaudette.....	Henry R. and Lumina Langlois
Aug. 3	Patricia Fadden.....	Harold and Bella Dupras
Aug. 14	Anna Julia Bergeron .....	Omer J. and Gladys Jaslin
Aug. 19	Charlotte Lorraine Duff.....	Albert E. and Dorothy Belise
Sept. 12	Joan Ann Lantry.....	Michael T. and Annie L. Downes
Oct. 2	Richard Gill.....	Darius G. Gill and Alice Richardson
Oct. 21	Eleanor Sandra Fadden....	Robert and Eleanor Stowell
Nov. 3	Shirley May Burdick.....	Allen W. and Esther Landry
Nov. 4	Charles Henry Persall, Jr.....	Charles Henry and Helen Judith Moran
Dec. 2	Charles James Connor, Jr.....	Charles James and Marguerite Fish
Dec. 17	Jonathan Whitney Bancroft.....	J. Kendall and Callie Young
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Dec. 22	Carole Jean Ouilette .....	Harold Ouilette and Minnie Smith

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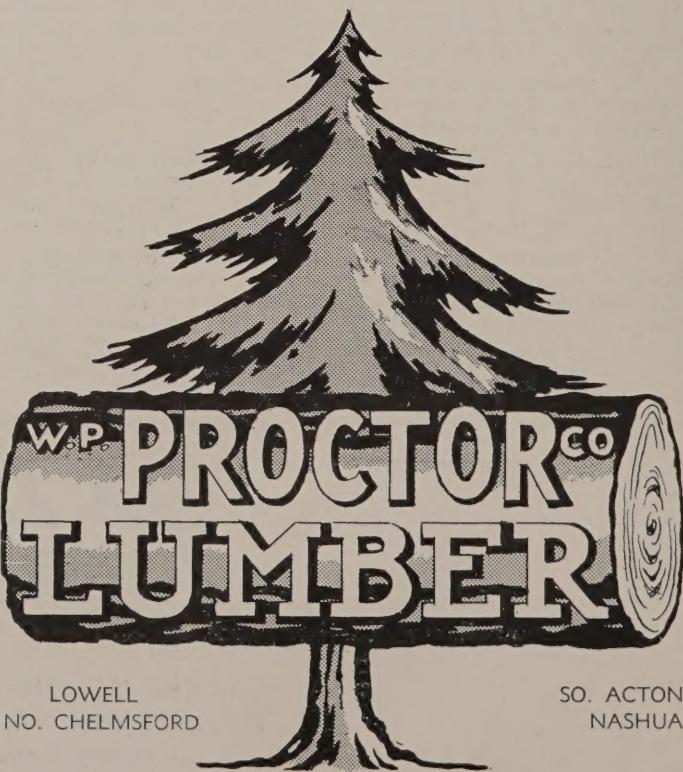
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Jan. 9	Emil J. Kolapakka and Hazel Bernice Roberts.
Jan. 20	Albert Chimeno and Myrtle Berry.
Jan. 21	Frank L. McKinney and Merlyn Fontaine.
Jan. 27	Mervyn Gilcreast and Agnes Markley.
Feb. 3	Ernest C. Bernard and Delia Coll.
Feb. 10	Harold A. Varnum and Constance Clark.
Feb. 10	Charles J. Connor and Marguerite F. Fish.
Feb. 13	Paul Provencher and Verna Ploude.
Feb. 24	James S. Banner, Jr. and Hilda May Jarsz.
Mar. 4	Russell Emerson and Janice Shepherd.
Mar. 9	Louis B. Brigham and Daisy Hill Bearor.
Mar. 13	Thomas J. Lloyd and Bertha Helen Brigham.
Mar. 23	Sheldon Flanders and Anna Prowker.
Mar. 24	Harold W. Ferry and Alice L. Cook.
Mar. 25	Peter J. McGovern and Nora Christine Sullivan.
Mar. 30	George Vaillancourt and Mary Bissonnette.
Mar. 30	Rene Thiboutot and Fernande Fredette.
Apr. 6	Lucien E. Roy and Lillian Bonsaint.
Apr. 10	Henry Beauchesne and Mary Arsenault.
Apr. 19	Anthony Marchenonis and Esther Marston.
Apr. 27	John W. Gotham and Grace Helen Laporte.
May 4	Zoel Raymond Lucier and Mary Catherine Young.
May 6	Norton Perkins and Ruby Burton.
May 7	James Drakos and Cleo Spilois.
May 8	Francis Gilcreast and Bertha Newman.
May 9	John Hughes and Florence M. Rockwell.
May 12	Vernard Bane and Evelyn Lenz.
May 13	Harold C. Blakely and Clara Warren.
May 25	Joseph L. F. St. Cyr and Elenor Savage.
May 26	Ralph Beard and Rita McNulty.
June 1	Anthony Vincuilla and Hazel Burke.
June 8	William J. Bibeault and F. Patricia Hilberg.
June 8	Theodore A. English and Nettie Bell Frost.
June 14	Wallace Buzzell and Pauline Dearborn.
June 15	Carl James Morrill and Anna E. Staite.
June 21	Remy J. Gallant and Albina Jauron.
June 22	Emiel Blanchard and Theodora Roustas.
June 24	Clarence G. Paige and Hattie L. Skeels.
June 24	Raoul Minarelli and Alice Follansbee.
June 25	Chester Kulishund and Alice Poznasky.
June 29	Donald F. Lynch and Anna Burmens.
June 30	Merle Little and Margaret Hamel.
July 1	Robert E. Saffell and Mildred Dawson.
July 3	Paul Gillinson and Isabel Marlowe.
July 4	Robert E. Lampron and Eva Joly Morrisette.
July 7	Leo Langlois and Beatrice Brassard.
July 10	Richard C. Scanlon and Irene Dello Russo.
July 17	George Thomas Morrill and Anna Mary Peterson.
July 19	Harold Clark and Mabel Rogers.
July 20	Charles J. Harris 3rd. and Jean Wood.
July 20	Douglas Gilbert Tilley and Althea May Mandrey.
July 20	George H. Boyd and Mary E. Davis.
July 20	Henry Johanson and Velda Tewksbury.
July 27	Horace G. Clarke, Jr. and Avis Bell.
July 30	Ray W. Doane and Nellie J. Eastman.
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## OBITUARY

The sympathy of the V. I. A. is extended to Mrs. Jennie F. K. Hodgman, for eleven years clerk of the association, in the death of her husband, Herbert C. Hodgman. Mr. Hodgman will be remembered for his years of service to the public through his connection with Perham and Queen.

## BIRD NOTES

The cooperation of the new principal, Mr. Warren Fabyan, has insured the continuance of nature study in the Winslow School.

During the spring migration, field walks were conducted for the three highest grades. Mr. E. R. Davis came from Leominster to lead the annual First-Sunday-in-May Community Bird Walks and remained in town to direct the eighth grade observers.

Under the guidance of Miss Allgrove and Miss Mitchell, twenty-three pupils of the fourth and fifth grades identified and listed the required number of birds and received the usual small prizes.

The Committee was glad to make special awards to fourteen of Miss Norris' sixth grade pupils for their continued interest in compiling lists.

The first place in the eighth grade essay contest was given to Jacqueline Farrow; the second to Marian Sherburne; the third to Catherine Scimemi; and honorable mention to Raymond Ferguson.

Fewer bird houses were reported occupied, but both girls and boys made houses that were sold out of town for the benefit of the Francena L. Sherburne Bird Fund.

The Grange Committee is indebted to the Parish Committee of the First Parish Church where the good friend of the town, Mr. Frank McKittrick, showed his fine pictures for its entertainment and profit.

A. F. E.

## COMMUNITY CLUB

The activities of the club have been centered on the Tennis Court. The proceeds of a successful dance were used to purchase a new net and tapes. Under the direction of the chairman Miss Mitchell the court was put in shape for a very busy season.

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DEATHS, 1940			Age
	Yrs.	Mos.	Days
Jan. 4	Rockwell G. Richardson	84	3 11
Jan. 7	George B. Irish	69	6 29
Jan. 30	Louis A. Braddon	57	20
Feb. 7	Freeland A. Gilson	82	8 1
Feb. 8	Josephine C. Davis	57	8 23
Mar. 13	Phillis Arlene Bell	—	— 4
Mar. 31	McInerney	—	—
Apr. 4	Nellie Marinel	68	8 21
Apr. 15	Harry Ford Harding	67	2 1
Apr. 18	Lura Fruean	67	5 2
Apr. 25	Eurphrosine Dupras	76	— 16
May 6	Stillborn	—	—
May 16	Harry Eldridge Hunter	73	4 16
May 22	Betsey P. Jaques	40	2 7
June 1	James Murphy	83	6 22
June 18	Eugene Camille	52	— 18
June 29	Lavina M. Porter	83	10 17
Sept. 8	Nellie E. Nelson	83	2 14
Sept. 16	George W. Smith	74	5 15
Sept. 20	Annie Langley	65	—
Oct. 5	Homer A. Noble	74	3 26
Oct. 19	George H. Davis	85	—
Nov. 18	Elizabeth H. Mohan	74	—
Dec. 13	Harold R. Stanley	62	—

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### PRESIDENT'S BIRTHDAY DANCE

The Seventh Annual Birthday Dance to raise funds to help conquer that dreaded disease, infantile paralysis, that strikes our little ones was held at the Town Hall, Saturday evening, February 1, 1941.

The merry dancers both young and old showed sympathy in action for the benefit of those who are unable to walk.

The organizations represented at the dance were: St. Johns Women's Club, Mrs. A. Cabana, Mrs. D. Boucher, Mothers Club President, Mrs. Ola Wilkins, Parent Teachers, Mrs. Clare Sargent, Industrious Club, Mrs. E. Sargent, Bowling League, Charles Derhabian, V. I. A., Mr. and Mrs. John Riley.

The full proceeds of this dance, the same as in years past, has been sent to New York Headquarters. We have been very fortunate in not having to use any of this money for any one in our locality up to the present time.

Committee: Mr. Arthur Cabana, Chairman; Ruth Boucher, Treasurer; Ernest Bergeron, Tickets; John Riley, Orchestra, transportation.

Chairman Cabana wishes to thank all who contributed to this worthy cause by attending the dance or by joining in the March of Dimes, especially Chief Charles Lorman, for services; Selectman Albion Farrow, Fred Snow, Warren Allgroves, for Hall and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Goodchild for having hall in readiness.

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## WINSLOW SCHOOL PRIZE ESSAY

**"SOME BIRDS ARE LIKE SOME PEOPLE"**

When we think of birds, we do not think of them merely as music boxes which nature has wound up and tossed into some shrubs—but rather, as bird people who have a variety of duties and go about doing them in a fashion not much different from ours.

Birds, as our helpers in exploration, colonization, travel, and industry; their contributions toward our present state of mind and civilization furnish interesting material for lessons. Take for instance the Bluejay. He is a relation of the Crow, and, although he wears much better clothes than the shabby old Crow, he has the family manners; for he, too, is a quarrelsome fellow and a bully. He is forever ready to tease other birds, if not to suck their eggs and eat their children. Yet, the Jay, as well as the Crow, makes an excellent pet. He is so full of sense and personality. One of the Bluejay's enemies is the Owl. If the Jay sees an Owl, he screeches at the top of his lungs until some other birds come and drive the enemy away. Beside all these characteristics, he is a saucy and an independent bird. This has prevented him from making friends. To compare the Bluejay with some people is not difficult, for there are people who are quarrelsome and disagreeable. These people are the ones who have few friends.

In the Old Age, people built their homes in caves and in the ground. These homes were crude but clean. The Ovenbird is a bird that can easily be compared with the people of that age in regard to homes and characteristics. The Ovenbird is one of the few birds who walks. Most of the perching birds, when on the ground, hop and flutter, but the Ovenbird puts one foot before the other as properly as we do. He is olive green on the back with a speckled vest and yellow crown stripes on his head. It is the nest of the Ovenbird, however, that makes him remarkable; not his clothes, which are rather a copy of the thrushes. The nest is made by scratching a hole in the ground, close to some bush, and then covered over with an arched roof of dry leaves, shaped like a Dutch oven. This is all so cleverly concealed that no one would suspect it to be more than a wind-swept pile of forest litter. If one should find the nest by accident, the mother bird will flutter out and go limping away, the old familiar trick to attract your attention. Meanwhile, the foolish father bird will start a shrill cheeping that is as good as an advertisement of his children's whereabouts. We realize that some people are clever, but this incident proves that birds, too, possess some degree of this quality.

One of the winter birds which is very well known is the Chickadee. The Chickadee belongs to the Titmouse family. His chief characteristics, from a human point of view, are courage, optimism, industry, activity, helpfulness, and a joy in living. Few people possess all of these qualities, although some comparisons may be made.

There are several different kinds of Swallows, each with its own ideas of building a nest. The Barn Swallow is the prettiest of all the eastern varieties, with his blue-black back, his cinnamon pink necktie and his yellowish vest. He loves the shelter and darkness of barns. You can usually find his nest plastered against the rafters. The nest is made of pellets of mud, mixed dry grass and stiffened with Swallow saliva. No matter how close together the houses are, the good tempered Barn Swallows never quarrel, as would be the case with a community of English Sparrows under the same conditions. Barn Swallows are such kindly little birds, that when any accident happens to a nest in the mud village, the rest of the

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swallows flutter anxiously about, crying and chattering in wild excitement. In such a manner, they seem to be offering both advice and sympathy. It is easy to see that the Barn Swallow has a really sweet character.

To be able to laugh all the day and yet, have the heart of a sympathetic friend is a pretty fine combination. In this world, it is easy to get people to laugh with you; sometimes easy to get those to cry with you; but—hard to find the ones who are fitted to do both.

JAQUELINE FARROW

**THE INDUSTRIOUS CLUB**

The organization is as follows: President, Mrs. Charles E. Haley; Vice-President, Mrs. James H. Woodward; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Ethel M. Sargent.

All-day meetings are held at the homes of the members the second Thursday of the month. Sewing and knitting for the Red Cross have been done at the meetings. A great many have taken work home to do in their spare time.

We donated some money for the Community Chest, also gave a Christmas basket.

Some of the members enjoyed the annual trip to Salem Willows, and enjoyed a fish dinner.

We have also enjoyed the classes in upholstering, canning and rush work, that the Middlesex County Extension Service has taught, also the cooking classes.

The Club welcomes visitors or new members at any time.

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**THE TYNGSBOROUGH HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

The Tyngsborough Historical Society was organized January 19, 1940, with the following officers: President, Mrs. Roscoe C. Turner; Vice President, Mrs. Chester H. Queen; Secretary and Custodian, Mrs. Frederick D. Lambert and Treasurer, Miss Anna Elliott.

Meetings have been held monthly with the exception of the summer months when a trip by bus to Salmon Brook at Nashua under the direction of Mr. Chester F. K. Bancroft was substituted. The plan of having papers on local history which were read and then placed on file has proved valuable. Neighboring Historical Societies of Dracut, Lowell, Chelmsford, Groton and Nashua have been very cordial and cooperative.

Our membership is now about forty. Our treasury realized a substantial sum through the play "The Country School" given on December 13, 1940 at the Tyngsborough Country Club, through the kindness of Mr. Isaiah Spindell. This money will be used to start a fund to move and repair the old No. 2 District School for Historical Society Headquarters in the center of the town. Mr. Robert E. Lorman has donated the building and Mr. Enlo A. Perham has offered land on which to place it.

Through Mrs. Leonard Dodge of Groton, the society has been given the opportunity to purchase exhibition cases for preservation and showing of the many fine historical books, manuscripts, photographs, plans, deeds, maps and relics, which have been presented. The money for these cases is being raised by private subscription, and they are to be stored in the library until the school house can be moved.

By-laws are being prepared for adoption and trustees will be elected at the next meeting to hold the property.

CATHARINE W. LAMBERT,  
Secretary.

**TYNGSBOROUGH GRANGE No. 222 P. OF H.**

Seventy-five years ago Oliver Hudson Kelly, with the assistance of six others, founded a fraternal organization named the Grange. Verses and passages from the Bible were and are used for their ritual, installation of Officers and lessons for new members. No Grange meeting may be conducted without the Bible placed on the Altar and the American Flag in position beside the charter. Sixteen officers must also be in their proper places.

This year great plans are being made to welcome the National Grange to Massachusetts for its Diamond Jubilee and to do honor to the seven founders of a great Order. Tyngsborough Grange, as hundreds of Granges all over the United States, intends to make this the greatest year in Grange history.

The Grange work is adapted for young and old alike to enjoy, to take part in discussions of Community affairs, to study problems and progress of State and Nation, to learn our duty as citizens of this great Nation and to help anywhere that our organization may do service. The programs are made up a year in advance to give every member a chance to help carry out the theme or topic scheduled for each particular meeting. The elderly and ill members are remembered and cheered with visits by fellow members, cards and many times flowers by an officer elected for that work.

In the course of a year many fine speakers are invited to visit us and deliver to us messages of great help in our Grange work and everyday lives. There is always plenty of fun as well as the more serious subjects at all of our meetings. One meeting each summer is given for the entertainment of our local children. All special meetings are open to the public, and refreshments are served. At some meetings supper is prepared by various groups of our hard working members. With a new corp of Officers for 1941 we are hoping for a better and more successful Grange year, and wishing them the greatest success and cooperation.

We appreciate this opportunity to join with the Village Improvement Association in bringing to the attention of the townspeople the work of the Grange and the seldom considered privilege we have of free speech and press that excels that of any other country of this world today. Never before in History has it been so necessary for all of us to join in every conceivable manner to remember our duty as Citizens of this great Country.

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Mr. and Mrs. John Riley have moved to Gerald Lorman's house on Farwell Rd.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Lorman have moved to Percy Flint house, on Farwell Rd.

Mr. Herbert Riley has purchased Ruth Coburn House on Pawtucket Blvd.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson have moved to Pa and Ma Jordan's.

Prior to 1940

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Hammond—the Gagnon House, Farwell Rd.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Forrest—Tel. Exchange.

Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Sargent—Kendall House, Kendall Rd.

Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Roberts—Cox House, Kendall Rd.

## THE COUNTRY SCHOOL

"The Country School" which was given on December 13, 1940 at the Recreation Hall of the Tyngsborough Country Club was first presented in town on February 11, 1891 by the V. I. A. It was played upon the platform in the Winslow School before it was remodeled for a town hall. The V. I. A. was organized in the fall of 1890 and this was the second entertainment given by the Association. In the cast were Mr. and Mrs. Channing Whitaker, Mr. Louville Curtis, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel A. Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse B. Butterfield, Mr. and Mrs. Albert A. Flint, Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Woodward, Mr. Andrew P. Hadley, Mr. and Mrs. William Blanchard, Mr. and Mrs. Reuben B. Sherburne, Mrs. George O. Perham and Miss Mary Bennett.

## THE TYNGSBOROUGH MOTHER'S CLUB

The Tyngsborough Mothers Club meets every third Tuesday of each month except July and August at 8 P.M. The meetings are open to any one wishing to join and are held at the homes of the different mothers.

Their aim is to supply milk to the needy children at the Winslow School. The aim also now is to get rubbers for some of the needy children with some of the proceeds from the play held January 10. Cooperation from the mothers of the town is desired so that the club will be able to do much more.

The list of officers are as follows:

President, Ola W. Wilkins  
Vice-President, Alice LeBlanc  
Secretary, Eva F. Jordan  
Treasurer, Bertha Duff  
Flower Com., Gertrude Bell  
Executive Committee  
Chairman, Maude Coburn  
Yvonne Wilkins  
Anna Cobleigh

E. F. J.

## THE TYNGSBOROUGH SPORTSMAN'S CLUB

The Tyngsborough Sportsman's Club was organized about four years ago by a group of Tyngsborough men for the purpose of protecting the wild life in our forests.

In the past year they have raised some pheasants and through the efforts of the Club, the State has liberated many birds throughout this section and has also stocked our ponds and brooks with different species of fish.

It is the duty of every member of the Club to protect wild life and report the destruction of the same; also to be on the look-out for small fires which might cause conflagration as the result of unskilled hunters or by carelessness.

The building committee has reported that the Club House will be ready for use by the first of April. This club house is located on Westford Road on a part of the lot given to the Town of Tyngsborough by Martina Gage and later purchased by the Sportsman's Club. The land is heavily wooded which makes it an ideal spot for wild life. There is a fine stream of water running through and we hope some day to stock it with trout.

At our September meeting, Mr. Sirois of Nashua, N. H. showed some interesting moving pictures taken in Vermont and Northern Canada on recent hunting trips.

The Club is affiliated with the Middlesex County League of Sportsmen. Our meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month and anyone interested is invited to join us.

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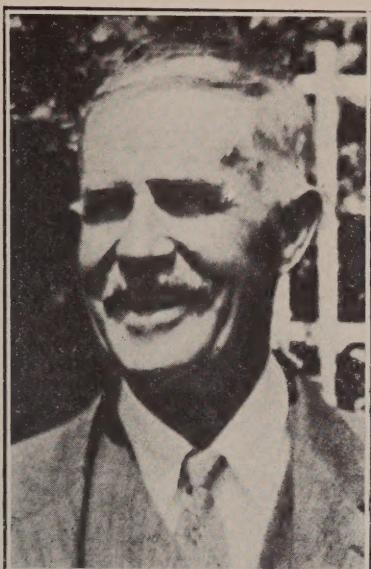
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**EVANGELICAL CHURCH**

More than nineteen centuries ago Jesus said, "Upon this rock I will build my Church; and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it." A clean heart is the first requisite to proper social adjustment, and this little group of disciples who originated the Church we have today, had obtained the first essential of a true civilization.

Institutions are plentiful for the cultivation of the mind, and they are necessary. Primarily, however, civilization is not based upon knowledge, but rather upon the use of knowledge. This fact is verified by illustrations of well informed men who use their knowledge selfishly and become menaces to civilization. Therefore, along with the institution for the cultivation of the mind, we need an institution that will emphasize the necessity of heart purity. The Church was established to serve this purpose. If, then, civilization ebbs or flows in accordance with the heart condition of man, and the Church has the office of heart conditioning, it follows that the Church is the very root of civilization. To answer the requirements of the Church this root must penetrate into the word of God and then God supplies the power. Thus, we have made the circle and it is necessary that God move in the hearts of men and instill constructive principles before we can, with His help, effect a true advancement in civilization.

Each Sunday morning the Church bell chimes out a regular invitation to the town folk as a reminder that they are welcome to attend services in the Evangelical Church. The Church needs you and you need the benefits of the Church.

REV. JAMES R. DUNCAN.

**ST. JOHN'S WOMENS CLUB**

This organization has the same officers for 1941. President, Mrs. Elzear Dumont; Vice President, Mrs. Mae Cabana; Secretary, Mrs. Mary Murray; Treasurer, Mrs. John E. Rafferty.

The Catholic women of Tyngsborough and Dunstable who represent this Club meet at each member's home for their social times each month.

The organizer and spiritual adviser at all times of this organization is Rev. Bernard J. O'Rourke of St. John's Church, North Chelmsford.

We would like any Catholic women of either town, interested in joining or attending any of our meetings, to get in touch with the officers for 1941 at any time.

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**TYNGSBOROUGH GIRL SCOUT TROOP**

Regular meetings were started last October in the town hall for the 1940-41 season, with the leaders registered as Capt. Annie Norton, Lt. Irene Mitchell and Lt. Blanche Hunter. Also assisting is Mrs. Adelard LeBlanc.

There were thirty-one scouts who registered as follows:

2nd class: Irene Bechard, Louise Clarke, Helen Clay, Patricia Crawford, Lois Ann Derby, Patricia Dodge, Jacqueline Farrow, Gloria Gullage, Doris Hankinson, Barbara Knight, Pauline LeBlanc, Marjorie Lorman, Ruth Lorman, Eloise Parrish, Juanita Sargent, Esther Sherburne, Marian Sherburne, Constance Sherburne, Barbara Wilkins, Miriam Wilkins, Mary Boucher, Norma Fay and Marion Fay.

Tenderfoot: Phyllis Constantine, Elaine Perkins, Vera Bell, Eleanor Delisle, Marie Martel, Pearl Richardson and Sylvia Sherburne.

One girl, Mary Smith, has been invested as a tenderfoot scout this year.

The girls were divided into three classes. Miss Anna Elliott has ably taught a class for the foot traveler badge, and Scout Helen Clay has been instructing a group in dramatics. Mr. Warren Fabyan gave of his time to teach a class for the sports and games badge. The members of this group have received their badges and have started to prepare for the cooking badge under the direction of Mrs. Wilfred Whitley and Mrs. Warren Fabyan assisted by Scout Esther Sherburne.

A change took place in the troop committee last fall with the retirement from the committee of Mrs. Chester Queen, chairman. The troop was fortunate in having Mrs. Maxwell Sherburne selected to fill the vacancy. Mrs. F. D. Lambert of the committee having been chosen chairman. Mrs. Queen's efficient work for the many years she has served on the committee is deeply appreciated by the troop.

At Thanksgiving a generous basket was prepared for a very appreciative family.

For Christmas the scouts made a number of stuffed toys which were given to the Junior Red Cross to be distributed.

The time at the last meeting before Christmas was devoted to a Christmas party, at which the dramatic class gave an appropriate play.

The troop wishes to express its appreciation to the towns people for the use of the town hall.

B. L. H.

**LADIES' AID ALLIANCE**

The Ladies' Aid Alliance is connected with the First Parish Church and like other such organizations, gives the church financial aid and leads its social activities.

Two meetings are held each month (except July and August). On the first Thursday the business is transacted, the third Thursday of the month a program is presented by worthwhile speakers on various subjects, always helpful and instructive. A social hour follows these meetings. Many times an invitation is extended to the school teachers and other women's organizations of the town.

During the past year we have worked for the Red Cross, and at present we are knitting articles for refugees in Southern France and British relief. The usual suppers, sales, etc. are carried on throughout the year.

Being a Branch of the General Alliance in this country, we help in its Missions, Fellowships and Social Service departments as we can. We receive much enthusiasm from our District Director in carrying on our work to devise ways and means for more efficient usefulness to our church and the community.

I. F. B.

**AMERICAN LEGION POST No. 247**

Post 247, American Legion, again greets the people of Tyngsborough. Another year finds our national problems more complex, and increases the need for clear thinking citizens to come to our support. The officers who are at the head of our Post are: Commander, Perley E. Knight; S. V. Commander, Henry J. LaFrance; J. V. Commander, Willis C. Trainor; Finance Officer, Charles H. Coburn; Adjutant, George R. Robeson; Chaplain, Laurence V. Magoon; Historian, Earle R. MacIntyre; Sgt. at Arms, Harold L. Wilkins.

The Post took a prominent part in the Memorial Day exercises of 1940. A delegation took part in the State Convention at Salisbury and at the National Convention in Boston.

We have secured increased benefits for our disabled comrades, and assisted other Posts in ceremonies where our assistance was needed.

During the registration for the Selective Service call, the Post furnished clerical and other much needed help.

The Legion is keenly aware of the necessity of constant vigilance in defense affairs and as a concrete example, took charge of a "Listening Post" and with help from patriotic citizens kept a 24-hour watch during the recent airplane defense test and earning a share in the praise of the Army officers in charge.

The American Legion members grow older and grayer, but still full of the same spirit which sent the boys "Over There" in 1917; continues to revere the traditions and objectives of the United States and is ever ready to do its part as in the past.

PERLEY E. KNIGHT,  
Commander.

The Winslow School Parent Teacher Association has had a most successful year under the leadership of the President Mrs. Lyle Carter. Interesting programs have been presented and the attendance of members and friends has been most gratifying.

At the March 1940 meeting the Esso Marketeers presented the moving picture "Safari on Wheels".

May 16th was the annual meeting. There was an exhibition of art, handwork, sewing and other work of the children. The program consisted of a style show, and each grade gave an excerpt from their own assembly program.

The September meeting was held in conjunction with the Grange. Mr. Loy of Mass. State College gave an illustrated talk on recreational activities for the home, school and community.

Mrs. Charles Nutt of Dracut gave a talk on "Character Training in the Home" at our November meeting.

At the January meeting Mrs. Marcus Cole of the Lowell Red Cross was the speaker. Moving pictures of the many Red Cross Activities were shown. The members of the Winslow School Junior Red Cross attended this meeting.

Several card parties have been held during the year for the benefit of the Association.

The P. T. A. contributed \$5.00 to the Lowell Community Chest, and \$55 has been given to the Winslow School Dental Clinic.

The officers are endeavoring to present programs that will assist in obtaining better cooperation between home and school. They ask all who are interested in the welfare of the children to attend the P. T. A. meetings.

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### THE PLAYGROUND

The Playground is an important feature during the summer months when there is no other provision for instruction or recreation for the many children in the neighborhood.

Very little equipment was added this year, but the swings and slide and teeters were repaired and painted and the sandbox refilled. Through the kindness of Mrs. Edith Bell, who gave the building, and Miss Katie Burt of Cambridge who paid for flooring and moving, there is now a suitable place to store the equipment during the winter. In the summer it will serve as a supply base, and a shelter in the event of sudden showers.

An effort was made to have regular hours of supervised play, and a group of young women took turns attending. The most popular program was the crafts class conducted weekly by Mrs. Ruth Boucher. The transformation of odds and ends into attractive and useful articles displayed true Yankee ingenuity. Even the tiny tots were kept busy in creative work with crayons and clay, and all were encouraged by prizes furnished by Mrs. Boucher.

Visitors ranged in age from six months to eighty-six years, and all were equally welcome. The babies were passed from one admirer to another, while the seniors watched from comfortable rockers provided by Miss Burt. Sports Day brought out sixty-five children to take part in a varied program, and to show their appreciation of Mrs. Boucher's effort in their behalf.

Mr. Jack Noon, on vacation from work with boys in St. Louis, spent much of his time directing soft ball and volleyball games, which were often climaxed by a trip to a refreshing "swimming hole."

The activities on the playground have been conducted by interested individuals, with no organization sponsorship. May the good citizens of the town realize the opportunity for valuable public service, and agree on Neighborliness as the first objective.

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### RED CROSS WORK IN TYNGSBOROUGH

While friends of the Red Cross have not organized in this town as a regular unit they have put in a great many hours for the cause and have accomplished a large amount of work.

At some of the Ladies' Circle and Alliance meetings, materials for sewing and knitting have been given out and at the meetings of the Industrious Club the members have worked on garments or knitted Articles and have taken work home with them.

Last month Mrs. Ethel Sargent opened her house for two all-day meetings solely for Red Cross work.

There are also many individual workers in the homes who are not connected with any special group.

Following is a list of what has been turned in at the Lowell Headquarters from Tyngsborough since June 1940:

22 children's dresses, 6 children's skirts, 19 hospital shirts, 91 pairs of bootees, 14 dozen diapers, 275 triangular bandages, 5 men's sweaters, 5 women's sweaters, 20 children's sweaters, 20 pairs of mittens, 19 afghan squares, 4 crocheted shawls 3 mufflers, 4 pairs of socks, 5 pairs of spiral socks, 14 beanies.

Mr. Raymond W. Sherburne very kindly brings out the material and return the finished articles. This is a great help to the committee.

The Junior Red Cross of the Winslow School has also been very helpful.

Last summer a successful whist party was held in the lower Town Hall which helped to raise our quota in the drive by National Red Cross for a large sum of money.

This fall the Roll Call was very efficiently handled by young people in different parts of the town who secured membership in their locality.

For all the help given us the members of the committee are most grateful, and are always pleased to welcome new workers to the ranks.

LILLIAN SNOW, Chairman  
MAUDE A. QUEEN,  
MILDREDGE M. WHITELEY.

### JUNIOR RED CROSS—WINSLOW SCHOOL

The Junior Red Cross was organized April 12, 1940. During 1940 those elected to office were president, Marian Sherburne; Vice-President, Irene Bechard; Secretary, James Carter; Membership Committee, Jeannette Picard, George Ford, and Constance Sherburne.

Those who were elected in 1941 are: President, Constance Sherburne; Vice-President, Patricia Crawford; Secretary, Irene Bechard; Treasurer, Charlotte Sanford; Membership Committee, Christina Jemanian, Christina Lowe, and Albert Duncan.

In grade five there are eight members, in grade six there are twenty-one members, and grade seven and eight have one hundred percent membership. (During 1940 all but eight were members in grades seven and eight).

During 1940, over one hundred twenty articles were made. These were taken to three hospitals in Lowell, by a committee under the direction of the nurse.

Activities in grades seven and eight during 1941 have included the making of forty-nine slings, seven pairs of bootees, twenty wooden toys, twenty stuffed dolls and animals, five bean bags and nine scrap books. About seven thousand five hundred (7,500) buttons were collected during a drive conducted at the School ending on "Button Day". The buttons are to be used on clothing at the Lowell headquarters.

When a family in town was burned out the Junior Red Cross provided clothing, food, beds and bedding. They now have enough supplies that they can call upon for five families. This service was acknowledged in Washington, D. C. through the Lowell Chapter.

Representatives of the unit of the school have been regular attendants of the Greater Lowell Junior Red Cross meetings. The Secretary and Treasurer of that organization are pupils from this school. A bus has been required to transport members from here to the meetings on several occasions.

We believe it is very appropriate to have this type of organization because of the strength of the adult organization and because it is increasingly necessary during this time of world need.

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1817	Capt. Swan	Sally Pollard
1818	Capt. Swan	Lucy Richardson
1819	Joseph Ingalls	W. Tidd
1820	Capt. Ebenezer Swan	Julia Whittle
1821	James C. Farwell	Stephen Richardson
1822	Thaddeus Blodgett	
1823	Capt. Ebenezer Swan	
1824	Joseph Spaulding	
1825	Samuel Flint	
1826	Capt. Ebenezer Swan	
1827	Samuel Flint	
1828	Capt. Ebenezer Swan	
1829	Joseph Ingalls	
1830	Ebenezer Swan, Jr.	
1831	William Pike	
1832	James C. Farwell	
1833	Rufus M. Blodgett	
1834	Samuel Flint	
1835	Ebenezer Swan, Jr.	
1836	Rufus M. Blodgett	
1837	Willard H. Cummings	
1838	Rufus M. Blodgett	
1839	James C. Farwell	
1840	Benjamin Swan	
1841	Ebenezer Swan, Jr.	
1842	Joel Ingalls	
1843	Willard H. Cummings	
1844	Reuben Wright, Jr.	
1845	Amos W. Wyman	
1846	Rufus M. Blodgett	
1847	Joseph Ingalls	
1848	James C. Farwell	
1849	Josiah Carkin	
1850	Capt. Willard Cummings	
1851	Rufus M. Blodgett	
1852	Reuben Wright, Jr.	
1853	Ward Coburn	
1854	John Littlehale	
1855	Ebenezer Swan	
1856	Alfred Perham	
1857	Joseph Ingalls	
1858	Ward Coburn	
1859	Derius Babb	
1860	John Littlehale	
1861	Ebenezer Swan	N. P. Garland, Lowell Norgianna Patten, Westford Rachel Danforth Henry E. Swan

## District Committee Man

1862	Reuben Wright
1863	Joel Ingalls
1864	Alfred Perham
1865	William F. Cheany
1866	John Littlehale
1867	Hilliard Witherill
1868	John F. Queen
1869	Frank F. Pierce
1870	R. S. Coburn
1871	Isaac S. Knight
1872	Isaac S. Knight
1873	J. F. Bancroft
1874	J. F. Bancroft
1876	I. S. Knight
1876	I. S. Knight
1877	Luther Butterfield
1878	H. A. Washburn
1879	James P. Bridge
1880	Jesse B. Butterfield
1881	Reuben B. Sherburne
1882	H. A. Washburn
1883	J. B. Butterfield
1884	D. L. Coburn
1885	John P. Coburn
1886	John P. Coburn
1887-88	Louville Curtis
1889	No school in this building
1890-91	Andrew P. Hadley

## Teachers

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Maria R. Knight
Jennie E. Robbins
Mary Jane Upton
Lavina M. Heald, Temple, N. H.
H. Josie Kidder
Helen Kidder
Ida E. Queen
Emma L. Stone, Westford
Ida E. Queen
Teachers
Julia A. Davis, Laconia, N. H.
M. Ida Howe, Lowell
Emma C. Kidder
Hattie Johnson, Lowell
Lucy Littlefield
Mira L. Felker
Ella A. Teague
Ella Wilcox, New Braintree
Ella A. Teague
Mary A. Knight
Hattie Johnson
Alice Cutter, Westford
Ella J. Wright, Lowell
Myra Felker
Carolina Danforth
Anna E. Burnham, Nashua
Anna E. Burnham
Alice L. Deeds
Lizzie Kennedy
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